



#### A GRADUATING CLASS, KNOXVILLE COLLEGE

In 1908, there were 33 teachers and 507 students, including 4 theological students. Students came from 21 states, South Africa and Trinidad. Approximate annual expenses, \$22,000. The college is affiliated with the State University, and received \$8,750 in 1907, for the Industrial Department, from the state.

home life of the students. Each hall is provided with a matron, and every effort is made to teach the highest ideals of home and Christian living.

#### The Workers, Students, and Work

The force of workers, including matrons and foremen, is thirty-four. The enrollment of the school runs from year to year just about five hundred. The students of 1908 came from twenty-three states of the Union, and some from beyond the states. It is believed that no school has more successfully correlated the industrial training with the literary than has Knoxville College. The most thorough instruction is given in every department, neither the literary nor industrial crowding out the other.

From the founding of the institution the expenses have been kept at the lowest possible point. In addition, students are given the opportunity of working their way in the Industrial Department. During 1908, \$4,000 was paid out for student labor.

In the Industrial Department, which is supported through the University of Tennessee, the various trades are offered,

students receive pay for their remunerative labor, and the dignity of labor is impressed. The erection of the new Carnegie Library is a practical exhibition of student achievement, and of the kind of training that is given in the Industrial Department. This entire building, from the drawing of the plans to the driving of the last nail, is the product of student labor under the direction of one foreman. The students who built it learned their trades in the various departments of the school.

#### Direct Bible Study Required

Fundamental to every other department of work, the religious instruction has been maintained. Direct Bible study is required of all students in all departments, with a daily recitation for each student. The only exception to this is that one year is devoted to the study of church history as a substitute for Bible study for that year. Following commencement each year, a ten-days' Bible school is maintained in which the workers in all the missions of the United Presbyterian Church, and all others who will, come

together for Bible study, prayer, and conference. In this Bible conference, methods of work for church, Sabbath-school, and personal work are discussed. The results of these meetings have been far reaching. Eminent Bible teachers are secured to lead the conference. The aim is to give to the colored people the same opportunities that are afforded white students through their summer schools.

Since the founding of the institution more than three hundred and fifty persons have been graduated. The larger number of these have graduated from the Normal Department, seventy-eight from the college, and six from the theological. Only a comparatively few of those who attend the theological classes complete the course owing to the high standard that is maintained for obtaining the degree B.D. A large number take advantage of the Bible and theological study in this department.

Knoxville College is not endowed. It is supported by the mission offerings of the United Presbyterian Church. A small beginning has been made in permanent investment for the endowment, and it is hoped that its friends will rally to this important provision for the future of the institution.